

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) 25X1
TOPIC Dessau Airfield 25X1
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EVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1

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REMARKS

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1. At 7:30 p.m. on 9 November 1951, about 50 ground attack aircraft were observed at Dessau airfield. A radio installation with a high mast was at the field. On 10 November, the field was occupied by about 40 ground attack planes and biplanes.

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25X13. About 9:30 a.m. on 20 November, about 50 ground attack planes and 5 biplanes were parked at the field. Some of the planes had yellow propeller hubs. A large radio installation, four tank trucks, and truck were also observed.

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4. Between 3:50 and 4:15 p.m. on 20 November, about 60 single-engine low-wing mono-planes were observed parked at the southern edge of the field. One plane had a red propeller hub. One soldier each worked on the cabins of five planes. There was no flying. The Otto Lader Plant was still occupied to capacity. There was no change in the status

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Visibility was 10 km with a 5/10 degree of cloudiness. The cloud base was about 700 meters. Truck [redacted] was parked near the temporary flight control building. A radio truck and a braced mast about 10 meters high were observed between the runway and taxiway, near the flight control station.

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6. On 22 November, 50 IL-10s [redacted] were observed at the field. Individual take-offs and landings were practiced. On 21 November, there was flying by five biplanes inspite of gusty weather. On 23 November, IL-10s made individual flights of 6 minutes duration below the overcast. The pilots were changed after each landing. At 7:35 a.m. on 27 November, two single-engine aircraft fitted with radial engines took off. They did not return prior to 30 November. On 29 November, individual IL-10s practiced flying.

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7. On 30 November, 50 single-engine IL-10s [redacted] were parked at the field. The planes had white-tipped tail assemblies. The propeller hubs of those aircraft [redacted] were gray. Five biplanes were also seen at the field. There was no flying. A radio truck with an extended antenna was parked between the runway and taxiway, near the temporary flight control station.*

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Comment. In November 1951, Dessau airfield was still occupied by a ground attack regiment. [redacted] the planes belong to the regiment which moved from Staaken to Dessau on 5 October 1951. It is believed that the regiment was equipped with about 60 planes.

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